

Chair's Report – Playlanders 2022-23

It has been another thoroughly successful year at Playlanders. There have been some challenges over the last twelve months, but the community of families, staff, and volunteers who support the playgroup have all pulled together to maintain a happy, stimulating, and caring environment for the children.

Some key events from over the year include:-

We started back after the summer holidays with 15 children attending morning sessions, and 4 in the afternoon.

In October, the rent for the church hall increased by 60%. This was a steep rise in outgoings, but we have been able to meet it thanks to careful budgeting, successful fundraising efforts, and generous donations from families past and present. We ended 2022 with a Christmas lunch celebration, and a visit from Santa.

By February, the number of children attending in the mornings had gone up to 21, with 6 coming to the afternoon sessions. There were a number of exciting activities including a pottery session and celebrating World Book Day with a trip to a book shop. March was also busy with a party for the King's coronation, the Grand Draw raffle, and a trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum.

Over the summer the playgroup hosted a children's author and a violinist, and nurtured some caterpillars into butterflies. The trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park did not go as planned, thanks to some difficulties with the trains. However, the staff managed to turn what could have been a very stressful and disappointing experience into a positive one by taking the children to Milton Country Park where a great time was had by all

The term finished with an end of year picnic to say goodbye to our school risers, and the news that the funding received from the government for each child would be increasing from September.

The Playlanders Committee would like to thank the staff team for their commitment, flexibility and enthusiasm throughout the year. In particular, we are really grateful to everyone who has taken on extra shifts and been adaptable to cover for staff absences. The permanent staff team have all needed to work extra hard, and friends of Playlanders have also stepped in to help, which we really appreciate.

We'd also like to thank all the families for their support over the year. We recognise that this is a challenging time financially in which to be raising children, and were amazed by the generous donations received from families as and when they have been able to.

Playlanders is able to provide such a high quality, caring, educational, and safe environment for children thanks to great team work and support from the community and we send our thanks to everyone who has been involved.

Playlanders Annual Accounts 2022-23

Income:-

Fundraising income	1,428.49
Fees	13,518.00
Government funding	36,276.54
Donations	<u>918.90</u>
Total income	52,141.93

Money out:-

Wages	29,137.26
Training	130.00
DBS checks	10.00
Fundraising expenses	424.58
Rent	7,008.00
Membership (Early Years Alliance)	118.15
Ofsted	50.00
Resources	192.52
Miscellaneous	79.78
Office	37.93
Art	60.00
Insurance	<u>536.03</u>
Total expenditure	37,784.25

Total income	52,141.93
Total expenditure	<u>37,784.25</u>
Annual profit	14,357.68



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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period ending 31st August 2023. The details are set out on page 4 of the report.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this is an accurate record of the income and expenditure of the Charity for the financial year ending 31st August 2023

Signed for, and on behalf of, the Trustees,

Nicola Wallis
Chairperson